

## HOSPITAL TRAIN FOR SICK TROOPS

Passes Through El Paso Westbound; to Return for "Passengers."

The Fort Sam Houston hospital train, the first and only one of its kind in the United States army, will arrive at the base hospital about January 2, it was announced Saturday. About 100 "ambulant" patients, or those able to move around, will be transported on it to the Army and Navy General Hospital at Hot Springs, Ark.

The train consists of 12 or 13 Pullman cars, some of which are fitted up as operating rooms, dispensaries and kitchens. It is literally a hospital on wheels.

The train passed through El Paso shortly after noon Saturday. It arrived over the G. H. & S. A. and left for Nogales over the Southern Pacific.

## SPECIAL PROGRAM OF MUSIC FOR 7TH INFANTRY SERVICE

A special program of music has been prepared for the Sunday night service in the auditorium of the Seventh Infantry at Fort Bliss. The musical program, led by the band, Arthur S. Haynes, leader, follows:

"Salut d'Amour," by Elmer.

"Intermezzo," from Cavalleria Rusticana, by Mascagni.

"The Heavens Are Telling of the Creation," by Hayden.

Solo, selected, Miss Gretta Pratt.

Sermon by chaplain J. L. Griffin, Seventh U. S. Infantry.

New singing books have been received and there will be congregational singing, led by an El Pasoan. The first test of the "movies" will be at 8:30 and others will follow the service.

## TEXAS GUARDSMEN ENGAGE IN "HOME" DEMONSTRATION

Corpus Christi, Tex., Jan. 6.—Three hundred Texas guardsmen, who indulged Friday night in a "We Want to Go Home" demonstration, were in camp today where they were met by military police, aided by additional military detachments.

The Texans felt that since they were among the first called to colors they should be returned home. Many believed there was no longer any need for their services on the border.

## FOUR MORE ARMY OFFICERS ASSIGNED TO SCHOOLS

Washington, Jan. 6.—Four more army officers were assigned today for military training at high schools and other educational institutions. Officers and the cities where they will begin work follow:

Capt. Merrill E. Spaulding, Danvers, Vt.; Lieut. Raymond C. Baird, Kansas City, Mo.; James L. Frank, Chicago; and Lieut. James M. Ord, Culver, Ind.

## OHIOANS FIGHT A MOCK BATTLE

Second Ohio Brigade Engaged in Maneuvers; City is Prize.

El Paso was attacked Friday. The attackers were the Blues, composed of the members of the fifth and eighth Ohio regiments, and the defenders were made up of the fourth Ohio guardsmen, under the name of the Reds.

The battle started shortly before noon at Alfalfa station, near here. There was ample space between attackers and the city, so that effective deployment was possible. The defenders were entrenched in the mesa, and their problem was to hold out until reinforcements reached them.

Much blank ammunition was consumed, and the affair sounded like a real battle. The best maneuver we have ever had," declared Gen. John C. Speaks, commander of the second Ohio brigade, which is composed of the three regiments. After the smoke of battle had cleared away, "there was more order and better planning than we have ever had. All in all, we spent a most profitable time."

## PREDICTS FOREIGN EXODUS FROM CHIHUAHUA CAPITAL

A letter has been received from a responsible resident of Chihuahua City, saying conditions there were such that all foreigners would shortly be forced to leave.

This confirms the reports of several Chinese and Turks, who arrived on a refugee train in Juarez Wednesday night, that they had been advised to leave. It is said there is no law or order in the city and the shortage of food and fuel was one of the reasons why Murguia took the field against Villa instead of waiting for an attack.

## CAN'T RATIFY PROTOCOL WITH TROOPS IN MEXICO

By Associated Press.

Quetzaltenango, Mex., Jan. 6.—Gen. Carranza has sent to the Mexican commissioners in the United States a message informing them it would be impossible for him to ratify the Atlantic City protocol since it limited the conditions for the withdrawal of the American troops from Mexico.

The message said only the immediate recall of the American troops could be accepted and that as soon as the withdrawal is begun the final ratification of the protocol can proceed.

## VILLA DEFEATED SAYS MURGUA

Official Report Says 300 Villistas Were Killed and 600 Others Wounded.

Three hundred Villistas were killed and 600 wounded in the defeat of Francisco Villa's main command by troops of Gen. Francisco Murguia near Jimenez, according to an official report by Gen. Murguia, dated "military headquarters, Chihuahua, January 5," and made public today by comandante Eduardo Soriano Bravo. The report follows:

"My advance guard came in contact with those of the enemy and a general engagement followed, covering a field of more than eight kilometers. The enemy divided into three columns and started the attack with its left flank consisting of about 1000 men. Because of the rapidity of this movement and my opposing column being greatly reduced in numbers, I sent my chief of staff to attack the enemy's right flank.

Served to Check Enemy. This movement enabled us to establish a firing line and also served to check the enemy long enough to permit Col. Salinas's cavalry to be reinforced by the fourth brigade under the command of Gen. Pablo Gonzalez and the cavalry forces of Gen. Carlos Ojuna and Col. Efigenio Rodriguez. This compelled the enemy, after a severe encounter, to retire to its base on the mesa where the Villa forces were driven off by the enemy's corps.

Villa Directs Violent Attack. The pursuit was then taken up by the cavalry. While this phase of the battle was in progress, the enemy, with more than 1000 men, charged with great force against the infantry lines located along the railroad. This movement was directed in person by Francisco Villa. We repulsed the Villa force and the attack of his cavalry were overcome and driven back.

The Yaqui Indians from Sonora were then sent against Villa's own command and pursuing it. Villa returned to Juarez, leaving behind him a large number of his men. He was repulsed by Gen. Perez and was forced to retire. In this retreat, Martin Lopez, one of Villa's lieutenants, was killed and was another officer of Villa's command who was not known. Villa fled in the direction of the valley near here and was pursued for 27 miles. Villa and Salazar fled in an automobile with his chiefs, who included Martin Salinas, the Murguia brothers and others. Fifty men of Villa's staff were killed during this pursuit.

200 Killed, 600 Wounded. "Many elements were captured from the enemy. The dead were estimated to be 300 and the wounded and many prisoners who were executed. The list of de facto dead included Lieut. Col. Jesus Valdez, Lt. Juan Guerrero, commanding the machine gun detachment, and 15 other officers. The wounded included Col. Efigenio Rodriguez, Lieut. Col. Primitivo Gonzalez and 30 others. The deaths among the government troops were estimated at 20. Many Villa forces were also captured as well as weapons, saddles, rifles and ammunition.

Murguia to Attack at Parral. "Villa has eight trains at Parral containing loot from Torreon and I am proceeding against Parral tomorrow (Jan. 6) to engage Villa while his column is disorganized. Our forces now occupy Jimenez as a base and I have made an exploration trip to a locomotive for 17 kilometers on the Parral line late today."

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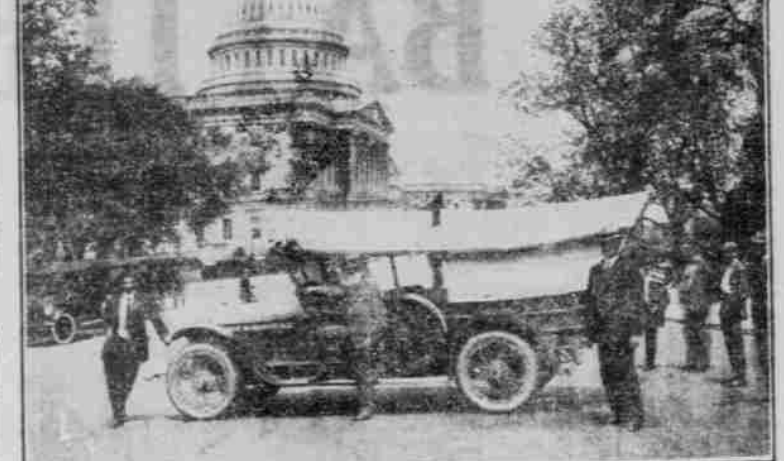
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## EZRA MEEKER, PIONEER



Crosses Continent in Ox Wagon, Now Making the Tour in Automobile.

The interest of a military border line, national highway from the Canadian boundary down along the Pacific coast to Los Angeles and thence east to the Atlantic seaboard and north to Washington, D. C., Ezra Meeker, the pioneer who traversed the Oregon trail in an ox team in 1852, arrived in El Paso Friday morning.

Mr. Meeker is in his 85th year. He is a wide-awake, courteous old gentleman, whose zeal for good roads and the general upbuilding of the country, has not been weakened by the years. To Explain Plan Here.

A committee meeting of the chamber of commerce has been called for 4 o'clock this afternoon, at which Mr. Meeker will have an opportunity to lay his plans before El Paso's road experts. The pioneer expects to call on Gen. George Bell Jr., some time today, and explain his object.

The veteran road booster left Washington, D. C., in a 12-cylinder Pathfinder automobile on May 7, 1916, and traveled over the Cumberland trail as far as St. Louis, where he journeyed once more on the famous old trail that he had traversed 64 years ago, as far as Olympia, Wash., on September 12. He left Seattle for his return trip on October 1.

Mr. Meeker also wants the government to build the national highway following the old trail from the Missouri river to Olympia.

Continued Severe Winter Now. In speaking of his trip, Mr. Meeker said:

"The continent seems wider, the trail longer, the mountains steeper and higher, the grades narrower, the curves sharper than when trundling across the trail with the ox team an hour with the Pathfinder car. To the reader this will seem a strange statement. Nevertheless it is true, and to me, as an oldster."

At the present time there are more than 1400 monuments marking the trail. I do not claim the credit for these monuments, but their placing was merely hastened by my trip and will not be completed until 1918. The time was ripe for it and I expect to live to see the greater monument, the memorial to our nation's history, and to bend every effort to have congress build this wonderful highway."

**GUARDSMEN ANGRY, DESTROY UNIFORMS**  
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was the chief beneficiary of this failing market.

"Where the Leak Occurred. "The question," Mr. Chippereid inquired, "is whether there was a leak and whether government officials improperly profited by it."

"Do you think there was not a leak?" asked representative Campbell of Mr. Harrison.

"Yes," replied Mr. Harrison, "but I think the leak came from the representatives of these two Wall Street papers or else the leak came back from foreign centers."

Gardner Called to Stand. Representative Gardner, of Massachusetts, who on the floor of the house on January 2, said that he knew there was a leak and that the whole stock exchange transactions showed it, was called to the witness stand.

Representative Gardner testified he was convinced there had been a "leak" because at 12:05 p. m., December 26, ten hours before the peace note was released for publication, and four hours before it had been placed in the hands of the news agencies, the following news was sent out over the Dow, Jones and company ticker:

"Proof of Leak." "The renewed selling of the market is due to reports received by brokers' private wires from Washington to the effect that the administration will, in the near future, address to the belligerents some suggestions or proposals in regard to peace. Nothing definite is obtainable in administration circles."

"There is your proof of a leak," said Mr. Gardner. "Miracles don't go on the stock exchange and Dow, Jones and company don't deal in prophecies."

Says Leak Occurred. "My cousin, Judge William M. Keefe, of New York, will present to you a complete comparison of the course of prices on the New York stock exchange, side by side with a statement of the rumors and news from Washington," Gardner continued. "This comparison presents a chain of events which beyond peradventure of doubt proves the existence of a leak."

"If you find there was a leak you cannot take the position that you will do nothing at all about it until someone informs you as to the names of those who profited by the leak or the names of those responsible for the leak."

Ask President For Information. "It seems to me the right way to go about the matter is to find out from the president with whom he talked this peace note over, then summon them and find whether there was any in which they might inadvertently have let the cat out of the bag. Next I should get a list of those employees of the white house and the state department and of our embassies abroad who handled this particular peace note. I think you will find that list quite formidable in length."

Considers Own Evidence Worthless. "Have you any evidence that would connect anyone at the white house with the leak?" asked chairman Henry. "None whatever," said Mr. Gardner. "I have nothing but anonymous statements and letters which are worth nothing as evidence."

"Have you any evidence that would connect anyone at the state department?"

"No, nor anyone else," Gardner replied. "I have no evidence that I consider worth the paper it's written on."

Lansing and Tammity Absolved. Representative Gardner said he absolved secretary Lansing and secretary Tammity of all suspicion.

Representative Campbell, Republican, said there was no disposition on the part of the Republican minority to make political capital in this matter, but he considered it deplorable that there was any apparent attempt to shield anyone in the executive departments of the government.

Mr. Harrison, Democrat, insisted the leak was through representatives of the Wall Street Journal and Financial America. He related how secretary Lansing, conferring with newspaper correspondents on December 26 had told them in confidence that a note to be published later had been sent to Europe.

Lansing and Tammity To Appear. Chairman Campbell said secretary Tammity had told him he wanted to appear and representative Harrison said he had talked with secretary Lansing and that the secretary expressed "very great desire to come before the committee."

Representative Campbell suggested that it would be best for both Mr. Lansing and Mr. Tammity to appear before the committee as early as possible. The committee then went into executive session.

TEN MEXICANS ARE TAKEN TO CITY JAIL IN JUAREZ. Ten Mexicans were captured Friday at San Lorenzo, a few miles south of Juarez, while searching homes, according to reports to federal agents. They were brought to the Juarez jail, where they said they were hungry robbers and denied being connected with the Villistas. Their trials have not yet been held.

## GERMANY READY TO PUSH THE FIGHTING

(Continued from page one.)

Lansing and Maximilian. The vanguard reached the Sereth.

Russians Retreat Over Sereth. The Russians, on the night of January 4-5, retreated from further resistance south of the Sereth against the Bulgarian army of Gen. Hoshak and retreated to the north bank, sacrificing strong rear guards.

## ROOSEVELT'S COMRADE IN AFRICA, KILLED IN ACTION

London, Eng., Jan. 6.—Capt. Frederick Courtney Sedgwick, athlete and hunter, who accompanied Theodore Roosevelt on his hunting expedition in 1898, has been killed in action in East Africa.

## MEXICANS FAIL IN EFFORT TO RECOVER MAN FROM U. S.

By Associated Press.

Brownsville, Texas, Jan. 6.—Sheriff Vane Friday night refused the request of a party of Mexicans from Matamoros that Ricardo Perez Gayon, agent for an anti Carranza magazine published in San Antonio, be delivered to them.

The party, closely watched by local authorities, later unsuccessfully tried to induce a night watchman at the city market to arrest Gayon and turn him over to them.

## Eye trouble? See Braun, 612 Mills Rd.—Adv.

Guns for Rent—Allen Arms and Cycle Co., 404 N. Oregon—Adv.

## Application For Grazing Permits

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